§ 11.435  Service requirements for master of inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as master of inland (excluding the Great Lakes) steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

(a) One year of service as first class pilot (of other than canal and small lakes routes) or mate of Great Lakes or inland steam or motor vessels of more than 1,600 gross tons; or,

(b) Two years of service as wheelsman or quartermaster while holding a mate/first class pilot license or MMC endorsement.


§ 11.437  Service requirements for mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.

(a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

(1) Three years of service in the deck department of steam or motor vessels, at least three months of which must have been on vessels on inland waters and at least six months of which must have been as able seaman, inland mate, boatswain, wheelsman, quartermaster, or equivalent position;

(2) Graduation from the deck class of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy; or,

(3) While holding a license or MMC endorsement as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 gross tons, one year service as master on vessels of over 200 gross tons.

(b) Service gained in the engine department on vessels of appropriate tonnage may be creditable for up to six months of the service requirements under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.


§ 11.442  Service requirements for master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 gross tons is:

(a) Three years total service on vessels. Eighteen months of the required service must have been on vessels of over 100 gross tons. One year of the required service must have been as a master, mate, or equivalent supervisory position on vessels of over 100 gross tons while holding a license or MMC endorsement as master, as mate, or as master of towing vessels; or,

(b) Six months of service as operator on vessels of over 100 gross tons while holding a license or MMC endorsement as master of towing vessels.


§ 11.444  Service requirements for mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 gross tons is:

(a) Two years total service in the deck department of steam or motor, sail, or auxiliary sail vessels. One year of the required service must have been on vessels of over 100 gross tons. Six months of the required service must have been as able seaman, boatswain, quartermaster, or equivalent position on vessels of over 100 gross tons while holding a certificate or endorsement as able seaman; or,

(b) One year total service as master of steam or motor, sail, or auxiliary sail vessels, or operator of uninspected passenger vessels, of over 50 gross tons.
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while holding a license or MMC endorsement as master steam or motor, sail, or auxiliary sail vessels of not more than 200 gross tons or operator of uninspected passenger vessels; or,

(c) Six months total service as mate (pilot) of towing vessels on vessels of over 100 gross tons.


§ 11.446 Service requirements for master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 500 gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 500 gross tons is:

(a) Three years total service on vessels. One year of the required service must have been as a master, mate, or equivalent supervisory position on vessels of over 50 gross tons while holding a license or MMC endorsement as master, as mate, or as operator of uninspected passenger vessels.

(b) An applicant holding a license or MMC endorsement as master of ocean, near coastal, or Great Lakes and inland towing vessels is eligible for this endorsement after six months of service as master of towing vessels and completion of a limited examination. This requires three and one-half years of service. Two years of this service must have been served while holding a license or MMC endorsement as master or mate (pilot) of towing vessels, or mate.


§ 11.448 Service requirements for mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 500 gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 500 gross tons is two years total service in the deck department of steam or motor, sail, or auxiliary sail vessels. One year of the required service must have been on vessels of over 50 gross tons. Three months of the required service must have been as able seaman, boatswain, quartermaster, or equivalent position on vessels of over 50 gross tons while holding a certificate or endorsement as able seaman.


§ 11.450 Tonnage limitations and qualifying requirements for endorsements as master or mate of Great Lakes and inland vessels of not more than 200 gross tons.

(a) Except as noted in subparagraph (d), all endorsements issued for master or mate of vessels of not more than 200 gross tons are issued in 50 ton increments based on the applicant’s qualifying experience in accordance with the provisions of §11.422. See the tonnage and qualifying service discussion in §11.422 for further clarification.

(b) Service gained in the engine room on vessels of not more than 200 gross tons may be creditable for up to 25 percent of the deck service requirements for mate.

(c) When the service is obtained on vessels upon which personnel with licenses or endorsements are not required, the OCMI must be satisfied that the nature of this qualifying service (i.e., size of vessel, route, equipment, etc.) is a reasonable equivalent to the duties performed on vessels which are required to engage individuals with endorsements.

(d) When the qualifying service is obtained upon vessels of five gross tons or less, the endorsement will be limited to vessels of not more than 25 gross tons.


§ 11.452 Service requirements for master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 200 gross tons.

(a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for an endorsement as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 200 gross tons is one year of service on vessels. Six months of the